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Dr. V. R. Khanolkar
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Dear Dr. Khanolkar:

Hilary Koprowski has kindly forwarded your letter of January 5. We have also been very much pleased to have a communication from your colleague, Dr. Gopal-Ayengar, with whom we have some personal acquaintance.

Our situation is briefly this. We are to be the guests of the University of Melbourne (Professor Rubbo) and the Institute of Pathology (Professor Burnet) from June through August. Our travel costs to Melbourne and return will be met through Fulbright grants. We do not have a great deal of additional time, but we contemplated as one possibility using the opportunity to make a (too hasty) circumglobal tour, rather than return directly. India stands as the logical Asiatic country for us to spend some time, both from a scientific point of view, and for our own general education.

Our final plans depend a) on where and whether we can scrape up the funds for the extra costs of air travel, and b) the final allocation of time. For these reasons, we would prefer not to make final plans until we have actually arrived at Melbourne early in June. However, we can offer the following tentative outline:

Lv. Sydney ca. September 6. Arrive Bombay ca. September 10. Leave India ca. September 20.

We deeply regret we would not have more time than this to spend in India, but we are already trying to make the most of a marginal opportunity. We will be receptive to any proposals you might be able to make by which my wife and I could combine scientific contacts with an opportunity to make a first acquaintance with your remarkable country.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

CC: H.K.

Dear Hilary: Thank you for your good offices in this matter.

We are in rather a muddle these days. With Wistar in the back of my mind still, I have to consider two very attractive offers from Stanford and from Berkeley which came up just before Christmas. These have to be balanced not only against my present very happy situation, but also the possibilities at the Medical School which are also advancing rapidly. I would be deeply interested to learn the extent of your commitment to Wistar, and how les affaires Klein and Billingham are working out, not ignoring the possibility that an institute of the kind we are both

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